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FROM USDEL IAEA

EO 11652: GDS
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1. ON BASIS OF SPEECHES AND CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS, USDEL NOW

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BELIEVES THERE WILL BE STRONG CAMPAIGN BY AFRICANS AND THE LDCS TO DENY SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE, COMMENCING WITH MEETING OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE THIS EVENING. WE BELIEVE CHALLENGE LIKELY TO BE CARRIED TO PLENARY WHTHER OR NOT IT IS SUCCESSFUL IN CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

2. IN LAST STATEMENT OF SEPT 22 GENERAL DEBATE, NIGERIAN REP ADENIJI DELIVERED LENGTHY INDICTMENT OF SAG ACTIONS AND POLICIES, CONCLUDING WITH STATEMENT THAT HE WILL SEEK (A) TO DENY SAG CREDENTIALS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC) (B) TO HAVE GC PASS RESOLUTION TELLING BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO DESIST FROM PERMITTING SOUTH AFRICA TO BE DESIGNATED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS. (C) TO HAVE GC PASS RESOLUTION DIRECTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO DETERMINE WHETHER SAG SHOULD BE EXPELLED FROM AGENCY FOR VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 4B OF STATUTE (SIC). CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS WITH LDC DELEGATES INDICATES BROAD SUPPORT FOR ATTEMPT DENY CREDENTIALS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

3. USDEL IS WORKING TO SUPPORT SAG CREDENTIALS IN GC BUT VIEWS WITH GREATER CONCERN STRONG LIKELIHOOD OF ATTEMPT DENY SAG CREDENTIALS AT MEETING OF NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS SEPT 29. WE BELIEVE 13 MEMBERS OF THAT BOARD WOULD SUPPORT SAG CREDENTIALS (AUSTRALIA, CANADA, CHILE, DENMARK, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, S. AFRICA, UK AND US), THREE WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT IT (BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND COLUMBIA), TWO WOULD ABSTAIN (MALAYSIA AND PORTUGAL), AND 15 WOULD REJECT CREDENTIALS (BANGLADESH, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, -- IRAQ OR PAKISTAN, DEPENDING UPON WHICH IS ELECTED -- EGYPT, LIBYA, MEXICO, NIGER, NIGERIA, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SENEGAL, USSR AND YUGOSLAVIA).

4. USDEL RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT APPROACH FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTS IN CAPITALS SOONEST TO EXPLAIN AND REQUEST SUPPORT FOR US POSITION AT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING: CHILE, DENMARK, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, COLUMBIA, MALAYSIA, PORTUGAL, PANAMA, BANGLADESH, INDONESIA, EGYPT, PHILIPPINES AND SENEGAL. (WITH RESPECT TO THOSE ABOVE WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PHRASE DEMARCHES AS SEEKING THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT IN THE EVENT THEY BECOME BOARD MEMBERS.)
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